

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Presented below are specification changes showing the changes made.

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, lines 1 – 5 with the following amended paragraph:

What is disclosed is a method and system for controlling tasks performed on network cards ~~is disclosed~~. In one embodiment, the method disclosed controls applications that are executed within the network. The method of controlling the applications comprises transitioning each of the applications between one of a plurality of active states and one of a plurality of standby states.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 7 line 20 and continuing to page 8 lines 1 – 6 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 4 shows the relationship between applications, state machines, and shelf managers. The shelf manager 440 resides on network card 2 420. Application State Machines (ASMs) 450 reside on each network card 410, 420, and 430. Applications 460 are running on each card. An application is a set of code that implements a certain portion of the overall card functionality. An application can have one or more tasks. Examples of applications are the private network-to-network interface (PNNI) and call control, Connection Provisioning (CPRO) and Card Equipment Management Application (CEMA). Figure 4 shows ASM 450 communicating with shelf manager 440 via a messaging protocol. ASM 450 communicates with application ~~using~~ 460 using a functional Application Program Interface (API).